



# Memorial Day 2005

Memorial Day originated in 1868 when Union General John A. Logan designated a day in which the graves of Civil War soldiers would be decorated.

Known as Decoration Day, the holiday was changed to Memorial Day within twenty years, becoming a holiday dedicated to the memory of all war dead. It became a federal holiday in 1971, and is now observed on the last Monday in May.

There is also a Confederate Memorial Day which is celebrated on various days in spring in some of the southern states.

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## Websites You May Want to Visit

The History Channel - Memorial Day

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/memorial/index.jsp>

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<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/memorialday1.html>

**Books You May Want to Read** (Hint: go to the TEL Database, **What Do I Read Next** and choose to do a Custom Search. Under Subject, choose Veterans and then hit Search.)

*Memorial Day* by Mir Tamim Ansary

Introduces Memorial Day, explaining the historical events behind it, how it became a holiday, and how it is observed

*Memorial Day* by Geoffrey Scott; pictures by Peter E. Hanson

Explains why and how we celebrate Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, a day set aside to honor those who have fought and died in the nation's wars

*Memorial Day* by Robin Nelson

A simple introduction to why and how we celebrate Memorial Day

*Memorial Day* by Jacqueline S. Cotton; consultants, Nanci R. Vargus, Katharine A. Kane

Introduces the history of Memorial Day and explains how it is observed today

## To Find More Memorial Day Information

In TEL, go to **Kids InfoBits** or **Junior Edition - K12** and use the following search terms:

Memorial Day

Decoration Day